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## COCHRAN THE MAN WHO AUTHORIZED "BRISTOW REPORT"

Chief Inspector Responsible for Preparation of "List."

## SEVEN HUNDRED CASES

First Assistant Wynne Tells Why Names Were Not Included.

Chief Inspector Cochran is the man who authorized the preparation of the much discussed list of postoffices where allowances were made by Beavers for clerk hire and separating purposes upon the recommendation of Congressmen and others.

This is the information which the McCall investigating committee, inquiring into the so-called Bristow "charges" concerning members, obtained today from Charles M. Waters, successor to Beavers in the division of salaries and allowances of the Postoffice Department.

Secret Out at Last. Members of the House have sought to know the author of this list ever since the publication of the "report." Today Mr. Waters informed the committee that it had been prepared by clerks in the office at the request of Inspector Cochran.

This, however, was before Chairman Overstreet, of the Postoffice Committee of the House, called for the information.

Detailing the circumstances of the preparation of the list, Mr. Waters said that in November, 1903, he had been called into Mr. Cochran's office and asked to get up such a list. Mr. Waters said it would be a laborious task, as the records were voluminous, and there were many such recommendations.

"Do you think there are a hundred such cases?" asked Mr. Cochran. Mr. Waters informed him that he thought there were, and he was directed to prepare it. He did so in the briefest possible manner, including all up to November 19, when these allowances had been discontinued, which was in accordance with the information which Mr. Cochran requested.

About 700 Cases. There were then found to be about 700 of such cases, although not all were recommended by Congressmen. Since then about 150 cases, not all of Congressmen, however, have been added. He considered the list practically correct.

Mr. Waters was preceded upon the witness stand by First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne. He said the list had first been referred to before the Postoffice Committee by Mr. Waters during a hearing on the proposed bill. Later Mr. Overstreet requested the Postmaster General to send the list to the committee. Mr. Wynne said he suggested to the Postmaster General that it was not the proper thing to send up such a list, containing the names of members of Congress, and linking them with the names of such men as Beavers and Machen.

Thought It Unjust. Representative Richardson-Why did you make that suggestion? They were the names of members of Congress who had done nothing except their duty, and I thought it unjust to connect them with such men as Beavers and Machen.

Continuing, Mr. Wynne said Mr. Payne had approved his suggestion and the list was sent without the names. Later he was informed by Mr. Payne that the committee wanted more details and complete information. He was prepared, and extracts made of the records setting forth briefly the circumstances in each case. Mr. Wynne said he had then let him (Payne) see the work as it progressed, and that he would consult with Chairman Overstreet and see if it was satisfactory. Accordingly the information was prepared as presented in the Bristow report.

In further explanation, Mr. Wynne said the original list wherein the names of members of Congress were mentioned was not prepared at the instance of Chairman Overstreet, but was previously in the office. It was prepared at the request of Mr. Bristow's office. Later it was developed by Mr. Waters' testimony that Chief Inspector Cochran had given direction that the list be prepared.

Concerning the elimination of the three months' clause in leases, about which much was made in the Bristow report, Mr. Wynne said he had found it necessary sometimes in making contracts to strike out the clause in order to get more reasonable terms of rental.

Regarding the "secret rule" for making allowances for clerk hire and separating purposes, Mr. Wynne said it was made known to Congressmen on application, but was not known to postmasters or the public. In making recommendations, Congressmen did not know whether or not a postoffice was entitled to allowances unless they had applied for the secret rule and had made an investigation.

## COMMUTERS WILL PUSH THEIR PLAN

Will Appeal to Commissioners and Learn Whether Company Is Legally Barred From Running Three Cars Into City.

An appeal will be made to the District Commissioners to aid in the efforts of the Alexandria commuters for better car service between Alexandria and Washington.

A petition will be filed asking that the Alexandria, Washington and Mount Vernon Railway be required to carry across the Long Bridge the third car on its trains, which is now dropped on the Virginia side of the viaduct.

Will Follow This Plan. This, it is learned, is the plan of the association of citizens formed in Alexandria on Saturday night, to obtain adequate service.

They will ask the District Commissioners to take such action as will insure them suitable trains. This will lead to an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to that disputed question, the right of the company to run three-car trains in the District.

President Netherland, of the association, will take this step. He said the time was not yet ripe to give out the plans of action. He did not deny that the matter would be laid before the Commissioners. Asked regarding the claim that the company has not adequate power to run three-car trains in Washington, Mr. Netherland said he did not wish to discuss this subject at this time.

Commissioners Silent. The District Commissioners so far refuse to express an opinion as to their authority to compel the company, to operate more than two cars as one train in the District of Columbia. In fact, they say they do not know as yet what rights they have in the matter.

Engineer Commissioner Biddle says he understands that communications will be sent to the Commissioners requesting them to take some action to insure the patrons of the road enough accommodations for convenient transportation. When these letters have been received, the Commissioners will inquire into the case and ascertain what the extent of their authority is.

Will Ask Legal Advice. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel will probably be asked whether the act of Congress granting the railway company its charter or any other act or law in force in the District authorizes the Commissioners to compel the company to run three cars as one train.

It is the desire of those interested in the project to have the company run larger trains to get the Commissioners to take the steps already taken by the Virginia State authorities and say to the managers of the road that they shall run three cars in one train.

## Mr. Babcock Will Call For Full Investigation

Declares Baker Charges Drawn From Slanderous Campaign Documents—Ready to Show They Are Unfounded.

Representative Babcock is considering the advisability of asking for a Congressional investigation of the charges made against him in Representative Baker's "speech," which appeared in the "Record" under the "leave to print," and which was yesterday expunged by a vote of the House.

Mr. Baker in his "speech" declared that the matter ought to be investigated, and Mr. Babcock, confident of a vindication if an inquiry is made, is not unwilling that there should be an investigation. Mr. Baker charged in his "speech" that Mr. Babcock had sent out of printed matter through the mails a circular prepared by the La Follette faction of the Republican party in Wisconsin, and circulated in Mr. Babcock's district during his recent contest for re-election. They were dispiriting and untrue. This he believes shows how much confidence his constituents place in the story.

Mr. Babcock declares that the weight of his mail during the period named instead of being small, averaged only 125 pounds a day, and that it would have been materially less, but for the fact that he sent twenty-five or thirty volumes each of agricultural reports and statistics to educational institutions in his district, which had applied for them. But for these his mail would have been no heavier than that of the average member of Congress.

When the House met today Mr. Babcock arose to a question of personal privilege. The speaker, Mr. Clegg, informed the bakers that the charges in his district to defeat his re-election. The people of his district, he said, "The statement is an absolute falsehood," he declared. He said that he did not know when the weighing of mails was conducted.

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Here is how Forbes describes the fierce pair as he saw them after one of the desperate fights before Plevna: "I was sitting in my tent writing a dispatch when the flap was suddenly drawn aside and in walked the most terrible and awe-inspiring object I have ever seen in my life. It was Skobelev, whom I knew well, but I had to look twice before I recognized him."

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gash across the top of his forehead, and his eyes still blazed with the fierce excitement of the hand-to-hand fight which he had just had with hundreds of Turks.

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## RUSSIA'S FOREMOST WARRIOR.



GENERAL KUROPATKIN. Pupil of "The Butcher" General Skobelev now in command of the Czar's military forces in the Far East. The idol of the Russian army.

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## Corporations Bureau After the Beef Trust

Inspectors Sent West to Investigate Conditions Among Ranchmen—They Will Also Gather Facts in the Packing Houses.

For the purpose of making a thorough investigation into the workings of the beef trust, the Department of Commerce and Labor today sent two agents West, who are to interview cattle raisers and later study the conditions at the packing houses in Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City.

This is the reply of the Administration to the reports which have been put in circulation recently that the Administration had decided not to begin a crusade at this time against the trusts under the Northern Securities merger decision of the Supreme Court.

It is said the beef trust has been selected for the investigation, because of the many complaints made against it. The cattle raisers declare that they are being paid extremely low prices for their steers, while dealers in dressed meats are paying the packers more than in former years, the difference going wrongfully into the coffers of the combine. It is also asserted that the combine has for several years been preventing competition illegally, their acts coming under the restraint of trade portion of the Supreme Court decision.

The investigation is under the personal supervision of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, and it is to be in the nature of an experiment, to see exactly what the Bureau of Corporations can do toward dissolving trusts.

This investigation is the most important yet undertaken by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

## COMMISSIONERS DECIDE TO BUY ON CONTRACT

Convinced That District Loses Money by Purchasing Supplies in Open Market, Change Is Ordered.

The Board of District Commissioners decided today to begin on July 1 next to buy under contract, instead of in the open market, all supplies needed by the District.

Commissioner West will begin at once the preparation of a schedule of all the supplies that the District will have to purchase.

In this list will be included all articles from milk for some of the charitable institutions to building materials. This decision was reached on account of the Commissioners' conviction that the District is losing money every day by purchasing supplies in the open market.

WALL STREET HEARS OF ATTEMPT ON CZAR'S LIFE

NEW YORK, March 22.—A rumor was current in Wall Street this morning that an attempt had been made on the life of the Czar of Russia.

A cable inquiry to London elicited the reply that nothing had been heard of the rumor there.

Take Pile's Cure for Consumption. It will cure your cough. On market 40 years. All druggists.—Adv.

## PORT ARTHUR'S FALL DENIED

Conditions in Gulf of Liao-Tung Preclude Possibility of Land Attack on Russia's Eastern Stronghold.

## GENERAL KUROPATKIN NEARING THE SCENE OF HOSTILITIES

When Commander Reaches Harbin Plans for Spring Campaign Will Be Made—No Big Engagement Expected Earlier.

LONDON, March 22.—The sensational report wired to the "Daily Telegraph" this morning by its Tokyo correspondent, to the effect that Port Arthur had been assailed by land and sea by the Japanese and had been taken, is given no credence whatever today.

At first glance the report seemed to have some marks of authenticity, but a further consideration of the conditions prevailing in the Gulf of Liao-Tung precluded the possibility of the dispatch having any basis in fact. The ice around the Liao-Tung Peninsula has not yet broken up, and hence it would be impossible for the Japanese to land a force on the peninsula sufficient to prove a serious menace to Port Arthur's rear. Without this land attack, it would not be possible to reduce the fortress, as attacks from sea must of necessity be at long range, and as a result more or less ineffective.

## KUROPATKIN AT BAIKAL

The chief interest is now centered on General Kuropatkin's approach to the seat of hostilities. The commander-in-chief, says a dispatch from Irkutsk, reached there yesterday and left for Lake Baikal this morning. He is expected to arrive at Harbin, one of the Russian headquarters in central Manchuria, at the end of this week or the first of next. Immediately on his arrival he is expected to begin the disposition of troops for the spring campaign. Until such definite disposition has been arranged, no decisive land engagement is looked for.

Nothing further has been heard of the vessels whose firing was reported off the coast of Yin-Kow yesterday morning. The dispatch stated that it was too hazy to distinguish objects at sea and whether the firing was in the course of an engagement or possibly practice work is not known.

## WAR VESSELS SIGHTED

The dispatch added that two cruisers and five gunboats were seen off Kin-chau, about thirty-five miles from Kin-chow, yesterday. Whether these boats were Russians waiting to intercept any attempt at landing by the Japanese at Yin-Kow, or whether they were Japanese ships, maneuvering for such a landing, remains a mystery.

These dispatches, as well as many others received in the past week or so, are vague and unconfirmed, and lead to the belief that no decided land action has yet taken place, but that everything is still in the preparation stage. Whether the clash will come on the Liao-Tung Peninsula, about Port Arthur, or on Korean soil, it is impossible to forecast.

## Japs Not in Manchuria, Says Russian General

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—General Zilinsky reports from Mukden that the troops are in good spirits and there is no slackness among them. He adds that the frontier guard on the Chinese Eastern Railway reports that everything is orderly. Captain Uksenko, with seventy men, repulsed a hundred chuchunese or bandits at the Udsimi station.

General Zilinsky adds that the reports of the Japanese occupation of Anju and Ping Yang are confirmed. An increased movement of troops and transport on the road from Ping Yang to Anju is noticeable. Thirteen of the enemy's transports recently unloaded at Chiampho.

So far as the reports go there are no preparations to land on the coast of Manchuria, opposite Kinchau. All reports in foreign newspapers of the Japanese landing in various places on the coast are inventions.

It is again declared that it is the intention of the Czar to go to Manchuria and personally assume command of the forces. It is expected that he will start in August.

The Czarina is sending an Easter gift to every Russian soldier in Manchuria. The Czar has placed an unlimited amount of money at her disposal for the purchase of the gifts. The presents will be personal, and distinct from those provided by other funds over which the Czarina is presiding. They will consist of a parcel of dainties, cigarettes and housewives.

THOUSANDS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS ILL IN HOSPITALS AT HARBIN

ROME, March 22.—According to a telegram from Harbin, in the last forty days about 20,000 troops have arrived there. Of these 4,000 were dispatched to Niuchwang, Port Arthur, and Mukden, and 2,000 to Vladivostok.

The greater part of the remainder are in hospital, as the men arrived in wretched condition. Only thirty-three military trains had reached Harbin yesterday since the outbreak of hostilities, and not less than half of these brought only munitions of war and provisions.

It is hoped that next week the troops will arrive at the rate of 1,000 per day, but there is still great disorder at Harbin Junction, where also fortifications are being made.

## RUSSIA HAS WARNED CHINA TO HOLD BRIGADES IN CHECK

SHANGHAI, March 22.—The Russian consul general, when interviewed concerning the report that Russia will bring pressure to bear on China to assist in patrolling Manchuria and suppressing brigandage, said he could neither deny nor affirm the report.

A high Chinese official said that M. Yessar has said that, knowing the Chinese cannot at this critical time suppress the Manchurian bandits alone, and desiring Russo-Chinese action, he has assured Prince China that unless the depredations ceased, not only would neutrality be disregarded, but any hope of the eventual restoration of Manchuria would be futile.

## RUSSIANS ACCUSE JAPANESE OF FIRING ON RED CROSS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—It appears that during the bombardment of the islands in front of Dainy the Japanese seriously damaged a Red Cross building. The Russian government protests against this as a breach of civilized methods of warfare.

One of the highest officials of the foreign office today said: "Without any doubt, according to reports received, the Japanese have made use of missiles giving off poisonous gases. It is not an idle assertion." He also expressed the satisfaction felt at the more favorable turn in American sentiment toward Russia.

The Grand Duke Boris has passed through Irkutsk. As a sign of the times M. Savourine, proprietor of the "Vremya," was sent by the minister of the interior, St. Plevno, and asked to moderate the tone of the articles in his newspaper concerning England.

LONDON HEARS THAT JAPANESE HAVE CROSSED TATUNG PASS

LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the "Chronicle" from Shanghai states that a Niuchwang telegram says the Japanese have crossed Tatung Pass. It is reported that fighting has occurred, resulting in clearing the way for the Japanese to advance on Moutienling, which the Russians hold. Several trainloads of Russian wounded are reported to have passed Tachichia going to Liaoning.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The temperature has risen sharply in the Ohio valley and the lake region, and fallen over the plateau and Rocky Mountain regions.

Rain is indicated tonight in the lower lake region, the upper Ohio valley, the middle Atlantic States, and the east Gulf States tonight and tomorrow.

The temperature will fall decidedly in the lower lake region, and thence southwest to western Tennessee. It will be warmer in Atlantic coast districts.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 39  
12 noon 42  
1 p. m. 45  
2 p. m. 47

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:13 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 6:50 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 11:35 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 12:15 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 6:08 a. m., 7:09 p. m.